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Akin, Ebenezer,		2	
Almy, Charles,	1		
American Antiquarian Society,			2
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Bache, A. D., Supt. U. S. Coast Survey,	1		
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Barney, Edwin L.,	4		32
Bartlett, J. R.,	1		
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Boston City Library,	1		
Boston Society of Natural History,			1
Brown, Francis H.,			1
Brownell, T. Frank,	1		
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Charlestown Public Library,			1
Coffin, William C.,			3
Congdon, James B.,	4		88
Cooper Union, N. Y. City,			1
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Dunbar, George H.,			2
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Fitchburg Town Library,			1
Goodwin, William F.,			1
Grinnell, Joseph,	28		
Harvard College,			2
Hill, Thomas,			1
Howland, George, Jr.,			1
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Library Company, Philadelphia,			1
Lowell City Library,			1
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Mercantile Library Association, New York,			1
Mercantile Library Company, Philadelphia,			1
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Providence Athenaeum,			2
Quint, Alonzo H.,			1
Raymond, Eben P.,			2
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute,			1
Rhees, W. T.,			1
Sanford, T. E.,			12
Schouler, William,	1		

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Donors.	Volumes.		Pamphlets.
	Bound.	Unbound.	
State Lunatic Hospital, Northampton,			1
State of Massachusetts,	8		
Stowe, Timothy,			5
Sumner, Charles,	1		8
Taunton Public Library,	1		
United States, Department of the Interior,	35		
Webb, Daniel E.,			2
Wiley, Henry,	7		
Wilson, Henry T.,			2
Worcester Public Library,			1
Worth, Benjamin,			1
Young Men's Association, Buffalo,			1
Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, Cincinnati,			1

MISCELLANEOUS.

- Arnold, James—Audubon's Birds of America.
Plates, 4 vols. folio. Text, 5 vols. 8vo.
- Walton's Polyglot Bible, London, 1767, 6 vols. folio.
- Robeson, Andrew—Audubon's Quadrupeds of America.
Plates, 3 vols. folio. Text, 3 vols. 8vo.
- Greene, Thomas A.,—Anti-Slavery Standard, 1865.
- Totten, B. T., U. S. Navy—Whitworth Shell from Morris Island, near Charleston, S. C.

REPORT.

To the Mayor and Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of New Bedford:

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the "Ordinance for the establishment and government of the Free Public Library," which provides, that the "Trustees shall annually lay before the City Council, a detailed report of their doings and of the condition of the Library," the Trustees for the year 1866, beg leave, respectfully, to place before you the FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the government of the Institution.

The librarian has, as heretofore, kept a record of the delivery of books from the Library, and by that it appears that *thirty-five thousand, four hundred and five volumes* have been taken out during the year. This is the largest number ever delivered in one year. The daily average of deliveries has been *one hundred and twelve*. The issue of cards has reached *seven thousand six hundred and eighty-two*. The increase during the year has been *four hundred and ninety-four*. These statistics afford conclusive evidence that the public interest in the Library of the People has been fully sustained during the year.

It gives us pleasure to place before you a transcript of our Record of Donations. While the number has not lessened, the value has exceeded that of any former year. From the National Government we have continued to receive the valuable documents which are published by order of Congress. They are sent to us through the Department of the Interior, and during the present year, *thirty-five volumes* have been received.

The Hon. Thomas D. Eliot has again placed us under great obligations for a large number of valuable volumes. Our records and reports abound with the evidences of this gentleman's constant and long continued devotion to the interests of the Library.

From the State Government, through the Secretary of the Commonwealth, we have received eight volumes of Legislative Documents, handsomely and substantially bound.

Twenty-eight volumes of valuable books have been added to our collection through the liberality of the Hon. Joseph Grinnell, and we embrace this opportunity again to thank him for his most acceptable donations.

In a note to the Annual Report of the Trustees of 1865, mention is made of a donation from the Hon. James Arnold, of "Audubon's Birds of America." In speaking of this munificent gift, we would adopt the language of the note: "This work, so rich and so rare, the most elaborate and perfect contribution to Natural History ever made, is an acquisition to the treasures of the people's library, of which they may, without impropriety, be proud. Such is its rarity and beauty, that the possession, of itself, may be regarded as giving a character and standing to the institution in which it is found. While the people of New Bedford will rejoice in this valuable addition to their library, they will gratefully remember that this act is but the continuance of a course of generosity and beneficence which has for a long series of years, blessed the community in which the donor resides."

The following resolutions were passed and entered upon the records of the Trustees, February 2d, 1866:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Trustees of the New Bedford Free Public Library are due, and are hereby given, to the HON. JAMES ARNOLD, for his munificent donation to the institution, of "Audubon's Birds of America."

Resolved, That the pleasure we feel and the gratitude we would hereby express, upon the acquisition of this noblest of all contributions to Natural

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History, are due, not solely to the fact that our collections derive from it a great increase of value and interest, but also, because the donation conveys to us the evidence, that the best and most enlightened minds among us are intent upon sustaining and fostering the Library of the People.

Resolved, That the President cause a copy of these resolutions to be transmitted to Mr. Arnold.

Voted, That the Mayor be respectfully requested to communicate to both branches of the City Council, the fact of the receipt, by the Board of Trustees of the Donation from Mr. Arnold, and copies of the resolutions which the Board have adopted.

To Mr. Arnold we are also indebted for another work of great rarity and value, "Walton's Polyglot Bible," London, 1657. Six volumes.

This year, the Hon. John R. Bartlett, Secretary of the State of Rhode Island, has completed the work upon which he has several years been engaged, the "Colonial Records of Rhode Island."

The following is a copy of a note sent our librarian by Mr. Bartlett with the last volume.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
PROVIDENCE, February 6, 1866.

DEAR SIR:—I send you, by express to-day, for the City Library, New Bedford, the Tenth volume of the Colonial Records of Rhode Island, completing the work. If your set is deficient in any volume, please let me know and it shall be sent.

Yours Respectfully,

JOHN R. BARTLETT, Secretary.

Former reports of Trustees of the Library have noticed, in an appropriate manner, the enlightened liberality of Mr. Bartlett, in sending us, from time to time, the volumes of the work which is now completed. Upon the reception of the last volume, the Trustees felt called upon, in a more formal manner, to express the deep obligation they were under to

that gentleman. Under date of March 3, 1866, the records were made of which we give a transcript.

"In view of the interest which has been manifested by the Hon. John R. Bartlett in the prosperity of our institution, and of the reception of the valuable work which has reached us through his agency and kindness, the following vote was passed:

Voted, That the thanks of the Trustees of the New Bedford Free Public Library be given to the Hon. John R. Bartlett, for the interest he has shown in the success of our institution, and for the valuable addition which he has made to the Library, by the donation of the ten volumes of the "Rhode Island Colonial Records."

Resolved, That a copy of this record be transmitted to Mr. Bartlett.

It was as singular as it was gratifying, that a few months after we had received the "Birds of America" from Mr. Arnold, the "Quadrupeds of America," the other great work of Audubon, should be presented to us.

In November we received from Andrew Robeson, Esq., a letter, of which the following is a copy:

BOSTON, 3d Nov., 1866.

SIR:—I have sent you, by express to-day, a box containing a copy of "Audubon's Quadrupeds of America," which you will please deposit in the Public Library as the gift of my father, the late Andrew Robeson, of New Bedford. It has not been in my power to comply earlier, with instructions long ago received.

Yours, Very Respectfully,

ANDREW ROBESON, Esq.

At a Trustees' meeting, held November 16th, the receipt of the work having been stated, the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That it has given us great pleasure to add to our collection this splendid work of the great naturalist, Audubon, and that it affords us peculiar satisfaction to have received it as the bequest of a gentleman so long a resident in our city, so widely known and so universally respected.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be communicated to Andrew Robeson, Esq., through whom the work was received, and that he be tendered the thanks of the Board for his kind attention to his father's wishes.

Among the interesting and gratifying incidents of the year, has been the reception, through the Hon. George Howland, Jr., ex-Mayor of the city, of a communication from the City Authorities of Dartmouth, County of Devon, England, in reply to an address which had been sent them by the meeting held in New Bedford in September, 1864, to celebrate the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the incorporation of the old town of Dartmouth.

As all the circumstances connected with that celebration are regarded with interest by this community, we have thought that we might with propriety include in this report a notice, somewhat in detail, of this greeting from our transatlantic friends. In the Appendix* will be found at length the Address and the Reply, and the documents connected with them.

The reply is emblazoned on parchment in the brilliant style in which important papers were written in mediæval times. The body of the document is in the ancient Secretary hand, and the heading, important words, principal initials and border are beautifully illuminated in gold and rich colors. A more beautiful manuscript does not, probably, exist in this country. Great labor must have been expended upon it.

The seal, which is the most prominent part of the document, is elaborated with great care and success. In the address, allusion is made to the historical fact, that the fleet of Richard, Cœur de Lion, assembled in the harbor of Dartmouth, as it was preparing to transport to the East the troops the King had gathered for his crusade. As the seal evidently commemorates that event, it is probable that at

that time the franchise was bestowed upon the Borough. The lower part of the Seal is occupied by an ancient galley, floating upon the water, above which is a half-length portrait of Richard supported by lions. The Star of Christianity shines over one, and the Crescent of Mahometanism surmounts the other.

The Address of the City Hall meeting was beautifully engrossed by Mr. George B. Hathaway, of this city. It was a plain democratic document, with none of that emblazonry that is so attractive in the Reply. Both have been most successfully photographed by the Messrs. Bierstadts, and copies sent to each of the municipalites represented at the celebration. A frame of Dartmouth Oak is being carved for the Reply, and when it shall be thus surrounded and protected, it will form one of the most attractive objects in our Library.

The model of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument has been placed by the Joint Special Committee of the Council in our keeping. It has been carefully renovated and will be placed, under a glass case, in a conspicuous place in the Library Room. The Monument, rising in simple grandeur in the centre of our beautiful Common, gives forth to all who gaze upon its significant and harmonious proportions and decorations, a vivid and faithful utterance of a patriotism faithful unto death. But the names of the faithful are not there — could not have been placed there. Can we not supply this want, by a printed and ornamented *In Memoriam*, which shall give, not only the names of those who died for their country, but a brief narrative of such events connected with "New Bedford in the War" as we should wish to have preserved for transmission to the generations which are to come after us?

In our last report, we laid before you a statement of the amount there is in the Treasury of the city to the credit of

the "Trustees of the Free Public Library," independent of the city appropriation.

The amount at that time was,	\$358.67
Income added during the year,	167.35
Balance and income,	<u>\$526.02</u>
Expended during the year,	138.70
Balance unexpended,	<u>\$387.32</u>

Balances of the several accounts:

George Howland, Jr., Fund (income),	\$173.57
Charles W. Morgan Fund (income),	54.35
Horticultural Society Fund,	84.40
Charles Congdon Fund,	75.00
Total,	<u>\$387.32</u>

The possession of this income, limited as it is, has enabled the trustees to supply some of the wants of an institution such as ours, without devoting any part of the City appropriation to any purpose but the purchase of books and the necessary expenses for attendance. Occasionally a picture can be purchased having an interest for all who visit the library. Photographs of interesting documents may be obtained, and frames and mountings for maps and engravings. Books of a costly character can be sometimes purchased which would be regarded as beyond the reach of our means, had we nothing but our regular appropriation to depend upon.

During the year it has enabled us to purchase Marshal's valuable portrait of President Lincoln, and to place it in a frame appropriate to a picture so dear to the hearts of the people. Photographs have been taken and framed of the "Address" and the "Reply" of which we have given a detailed account in another part of this report.

Having this small income at their disposal, the trustees felt at liberty on the 15th of December, instant, to place upon their records the following entry.

"It was represented to the Board, that an opportunity now existed for obtaining an artist proof copy of the engraving by James Smilie, of Bierstadt's celebrated painting of the "Rocky Mountains;" and a copy of the Chromo-Lithograph of Bradford's picture of "Sealers Crushed by Icebergs," recently exhibited in this city and so universally admired; the trustees believing that our Public Library should contain these re-productions of two of the most celebrated pictures by men who for several years were residents of our City, and whose reputation is a cause of just pride to our inhabitants: do

Order, that subscriptions be made, on behalf of the Trustees, for an artist proof copy of the engraving of Bierstadt's picture of the "Rocky Mountains;" and for a copy of the chromo-lithograph of Bradford's picture of the "Sealers Crushed by Icebergs."

Such productions as these are not only interesting and attractive as works of art—as gratifying and training that love of the beautiful which claims an elevated rank among the attributes of our humanity—but they fulfil a higher purpose. The pleasure which they confer, and the influence they exert, are not limited to the few who have been educated into a delicate perception of the hidden "glories of art." They reach, to impart both pleasure and profit, the minds of the masses. They educate, they elevate, expand, refine and purify; thus aiding in the work of preparing man for the pleasures and duties and trials of life. A good picture is a poem; a great picture is a great poem; and Bierstadt and Tennyson are both, after the fashion appointed of their Creator, engaged in the great work of elevating the ignorant and the erring into the higher plane of intelligence and virtue.

The School Ship Massachussetts has been,* by the State Authorities, placed in the waters of the Acushnet. Regarding all on board of her as residents of our City, we have informed her officers that our library is opened to them, as to the other inhabitants of New Bedford; and have extended its use, under proper restrictions, to such of the boys of the school, as it is thought may be benefited by the perusal of our books. They have, however, a good library of their own, which, through the benevolent agency of a small band of New Bedford young ladies, will soon be largely increased. The interest manifested by the people of our City in this noble State Charity is highly creditable to them, and will, we doubt not, exert a happy influence upon those whose welfare it was instituted to promote. How extensively and firmly has the conviction fastened itself upon the community that the Library is an availing instrumentality, not only of intellectual elevation and enlightenment, but of moral renovation and reform.

The continued high price of books has restricted our purchases for this year, as for several years past, almost exclusively to the new publications of the American press. We should like to do more, for our library is yet greatly deficient in the standard works of literature and science, in our language; but we are content for the present to do this, hoping that it will not be long before a reduction in the price of books or an increase of means, will put it in our power to fill up the many vacant places in our catalogue. But we would most respectfully ask that a small addition may be made to the annual appropriation, to enable us to bind up our periodical literature and rebind a large number of volumes which have become too much worn for use. The splendid work bequeathed to us by Mr. Robeson being in sheets, must be bound to be available, and the binding will be expensive.

At the last session of the Legislature, the limitation was

removed, which restricted towns and cities as to the amount to be annually appropriated for the support of municipal libraries. In view therefore of the fact, that the sum of about five hundred dollars is immediately wanted to prevent deterioration and render a portion of our library available, we would respectfully ask you to allow that amount to be added to the sum which has been for several years, annually appropriated, and that for the present year the sum of three thousand dollars be voted to the Free Public Library.

It is ten years since the publication of our catalogue. In the mean time the number of our books has been about doubled, being now in excess of twenty thousand volumes. A complete catalogue of the books of the library, not included in that first published, is now nearly ready for the press; and we are only waiting for the means, to give it to the printer. The work has been prepared by our Librarian at great expenditure of time and labor, with an accuracy and comprehensiveness which leave us in these respects nothing to desire, and we are anxious that it should be, without delay, put into a condition to be used by the public. It is very much needed by the visitors to the library and takers of the books, and for want of it the usefulness of the institution is seriously impaired. A library without a catalogue is like a book without an index. The contents of neither can be known without a great loss of time and labor. The saving of both, in one year, by the officers of the institution and their visitors, would be equal in value to the cost of printing the work so much needed. A small sum, only, would be required for the printing and binding. The work of preparation, the labor of years, is so near completion, that the manuscript could at once be placed in the hands of the printer. We are very desirous that a small appropriation for this object, so important to the interest of the library, should be made, that before many months, this pressing want of the institution may be supplied.

In conclusion, the Trustees would congratulate the City Council upon the prosperous condition of the Free Public Library, and upon the elevated position which it occupies in the estimation of the inhabitants. Every year since the liberal and enlightened action of the City Government gave it an existence, its strength and its influence have increased, and its value and importance in the minds of the people grown deeper and wider. May that liberality which established and has hitherto sustained it, and that devoted and enlightened supervision, which has fostered its growth and rejoiced in its prosperity, be unceasingly and increasingly extended, that its past, bright and prosperous as it has been, may be eclipsed by a brighter and more prosperous future.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. PERRY,	}	Trustees.
GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.,		
ANDREW G. PIERCE,		
GEORGE F. KINGMAN,		
JOHN P. BARKER,		
JAMES B. CONGDON,		

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 31, 1866.

APPENDIX.

ADDRESS OF THE MEETING AT CITY HALL, NEW BEDFORD, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 1864, FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH, TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF DARTMOUTH, ENGLAND.

To the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of Dartmouth, County of Devon, England:

GENTLEMEN:— On this day of our solemn festivity, while we are assembled to commemorate the incorporation, two hundred years ago, of the town called by a name which your historic city has borne for nearly a thousand, We, the people of the City of New Bedford, and of the towns of Dartmouth, Westport, Fairhaven and Acushnet, municipalities into which the territory of the mother town has been separated, would to you, and through you to the inhabitants you represent, send a greeting of remembrance and regard.

Forcibly and pleasantly have we at this time been reminded of the many interesting circumstances which connect your ancient borough with the town whose corporate birth-day we now commemorate. We call to mind the fact, that it was from Dartmouth, and in a Dartmouth ship, bearing a name significant of that feeling of Concord which will, we trust, forever characterize the intercourse between the two nations to which we respectively belong, that Bartholomew Gosnold in 1602 put forth upon his voyage to America, landed upon *our* shores, and upon an island often called by his name, in sight from the spot upon which we are now assembled, erected the first white man's dwelling upon the soil of New England.

Deeper still have been our recollective associations as we have remember-

ed, that it was in your noble harbor, and in the nobler hearts and homes of the then inhabitants of your city, that our Pilgrim Fathers found a shelter, when the perils of the storm drove them from their course across the ocean to found an empire in the New World. It was the memory of that providential preservation, and of the hospitality extended to them in that hour of despondency and weakness, that prompted them, when they went forth from Plymouth Rock to subdue the forest and extend the borders of their Commonwealth, to bestow upon this portion of their goodly heritage the name of that city by the Mouth of the Dart, from which they had taken their last departure for their new home amid the wilds of America.

The occasion demanded of those who had been selected to address us, a brief recital of that conflict which led to the political separation of the United States of America from the land our people have ever loved to call the Mother Country.

And while we have been moved and saddened by the recital, we have with deep and grateful feelings remembered that it was William Legge, Earl of Dartmouth, Secretary of the Colonies under George 3d, and who derived his title from your ancient city, who gave the force of his character and commanding talents in opposition to the Grenville Administration, for conciliation and peace. For the memory of this friend of Franklin, the friend of justice, the friend of peace, this high-minded christian gentleman and Peer of England, we shall ever cherish the sentiments of profound respect.

Such are some of the links of that golden chain of association which at this moment stretches across the ocean, and binds together the city whose noble harbor sheltered the crusading fleet of the Lion Hearted Richard with the family of communities which are resting near the waters of Gosnold's Hope. We would add, as a circumstance calculated to strengthen the force of the historic reminiscences to which we have alluded, that we, too, are to a great extent, a family of fishermen. At a period not remote, a whaling fleet of nearly four hundred ships belonging to the communities we represent, manned by more than ten thousand seamen, was afloat upon the ocean.

We would assure you, gentlemen, in sending you this greeting, which finds its justification in, and depends for its interest upon, the incidents and circumstances we have recited, we have a purpose deeper than the extension of a compliment, or the indulgence of pleasant and interesting associations. We wish not to withhold the expression of the fact, that in the civil strife which is now raging in our land, its loyal people would fain have extended to them that moral encouragement and support that attends upon the favorable testimony of enlightened Englishmen. They feel that they are doing battle for principles which they have derived from their Saxon ancestry, and which are dear to the heart of every Briton.

Allow us, therefore, to express the hope, that the reception of our earnest and affectionate greeting will give such a direction to your feelings and lead to such an examination of the questions at issue between us and our infatuated Southern fellow-countrymen, as shall result in your giving the weight of your enlightened minds, and the testimony of your Christian character, to the cause of universal freedom. We address you amidst the smoke and the roar of the conflict; but we hope and believe that the end is near — and when peace shall be restored, and the flag of our country shall again wave over an undivided soil and a united people, we feel assured that such will then be our condition, that closer than it has ever been before, will be the union between us and our Mother Country.

Dated at the City Hall in the City of New Bedford, this fourteenth day of September, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, upon the two hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Dartmouth.

Signed on behalf of the inhabitants of said City and of the towns of Dartmouth, Westport, Fairhaven and Acushnet.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF NEW BEDFORD.

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., Mayor.

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JOHN P. BARKER,

GEORGE G. GIFFORD,

MATTHEW HOWLAND,

AMBROSE VINCENT,

JOHN H. PERRY.

HENRY T. LEONARD, City Clerk.

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The reply was sent to the Trustees by ex-Mayor Howland to whom its envelope was directed, accompanied by the following note:

37 SIXTH STREET, NEW BEDFORD,
3d mo. 3d, 1866.

To the Trustees of the Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:—A few days since, on the 22d ultimo, the anniversary of the birth of our beloved Washington, I received from Dartmouth, County of Devon, England, a reply to the memorial adopted by the gathering of the people of the original town of Dartmouth, on the occasion of the celebration

of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the incorporation of the town, on the 24th, of September 1864: which I herewith present, together with the note accompanying it from Sir Henry Paul Seale, Baronet, Mayor of that city.

I would respectfully suggest the propriety of having the reply appropriately framed and hung in some conspicuous place in the public room of the Library, that those who desire, may have an opportunity, not only to examine the beautiful style in which it is executed, but also to read the noble sentiments it contains, and thus transmit them, in the language of the Reply, "to our children and our children's children."

Your friend and Colleague,

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.

The following is a copy of the address of ex-Mayor Howland, which was published in connection with the Reply:

To the Gentlemen who constituted the Municipal Authorities of New Bedford, Dartmouth, Westport, Fairhaven and Acushnet, at the date of the Centennial Celebration in the year 1864:

RESPECTED FRIENDS: — It affords me much pleasure to inform you, that I have this day received from the Mayor of Dartmouth, England, a note, accompanied by the reply of the Municipal Body of that city, to the address which you, in behalf of the people you respectively represented at our Centennial Celebration, caused to be forwarded to the inhabitants of the ancient Borough. Our friendly greeting has called forth a response, earnest and affectionate. That you, and the people you represented when you placed your name to the Address, and sent it across the Atlantic, may enjoy the pleasure to be derived from the hearty and cordial sentiments of the reply, I place it before you, together with the note of Sir Henry Paul Seale, the Mayor. Your interest in this valuable and interesting document will be increased, when you shall have an opportunity of seeing the splendidly illuminated manuscript. It will be deposited in the New Bedford Free Public Library, where, as soon as it shall be framed so that it may be preserved from injury all who may wish will have the privilege of seeing it.

I would express the hope that the aid of the photographer, which proved so successful in multiplying copies of the address, may be resorted to for the same purpose in relation to the reply, that each of the municipalities may be furnished with a copy of both.

The date of this greeting from Old England, is the 4th, of July, 1865 — its arrival here is upon a day equally auspicious to America.

With much Respect,

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.,

Mayor of New Bedford, in 1864 and 1865.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTH-DAY, 1866.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Council of the City of New Bedford, and the Selectmen of Dartmouth, Westport, Fairhaven and Acushnet, State of Massachusetts, United States of America.

RESPECTED FRIENDS: — I have the high honor and great pleasure, in compliance with the request of the Municipal Corporation of the Borough of Clifton Dartmouth Hardness, of which I am at present Mayor and Chief Magistrate, to forward to you for your acceptance, the reply of the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses and Recorder of the Borough, unanimously voted on their behalf by their Council, to the very friendly and handsome address lately received by them from you.

I take this opportunity of submitting to you for myself individually, the cordial assurances of the high respect and esteem which I entertain for you and your great and glorious Republic.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

H. P. SEALE, Baronet,

Mayor of Dartmouth.

Dated Mount Boone, Dartmouth, County of Devon, }
England, Nov. 4th, 1865. }

REPLY.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Council of the City of New Bedford, and to the Selectmen of the towns of Dartmouth, Westport, Fairhaven and Acushnet, State of Massachusetts, United States, North America.

GENTLEMEN: — We, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Clifton Dartmouth Hardness, in the County of Devon in England, by the Council of the Borough, and I, Albert William Beetham, Recorder of the Borough, most gratefully accept your affectionate greetings and accompany-

ing testimonials of regard. We shall place them among our municipal records, and cause them to be preserved with the greatest care, in the hope that our children and our children's children may be induced to cherish and keep alive the feeling of amity which now exists between the two great nations, the younger of which clings to the fond memory of a common descent, and in all her own power and might, exults in the prosperity of the Mother Country.

We are particularly struck with the fact, that your affectionate greetings have been tendered to us by you under peculiar circumstances. We are deeply gratified in finding, that in joy and sorrow, you have been pleased to connect us with yourselves in your minds. In the festive proceedings attending the celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the incorporation of your town of Dartmouth, we were greatly honored by your remembrances; and during the lamentable strife which lately existed between two branches of our descendants, equally regarded with admiration, respect and affection, you were not unmindful of us or regardless of our thoughts and opinions. We offer, with the greatest respect and cordiality our hearty congratulations on the prosperity of the communities we now address, and of that great and glorious community, once more united, of which you form a part; and we congratulate you most heartily on the termination of that civil strife which has raged among you. We most fervently hope and trust, that ere this, our response to your affectionate address shall have reached you, all feelings of animosity may have been buried, and have been succeeded by those generous sentiments which should fill "the breasts of foemen, worthy of each others' steel."

Friendship once more restored, we hope to see you progress in the paths of civilization and freedom. We, the inhabitants of the Old Country in the Old World, glory in the freedom we enjoy under our old institutions, modified or renovated as the time and circumstances require. And we rejoice that a nation, sprung from a common ancestry, in extending freedom and civilization in a New World, shows by its acts, that freedom is that for which she will live and die, and that freedom is the bond of union between us, freedom is the watch word which she shouts to us across the Atlantic. We fervently hope that we may be united by this common sentiment, and that civilization and science may continue to find the means of bringing us closer and closer together.

The electric fluid travelling below the mighty waves, silently and unseen, communicates from mind to mind. We fondly reflect that Newcomen's*

* Thomas Newcomen, a mechanic of Dartmouth, was the first to make the steam engine a profitable motive power. Within a hundred years, a Newcomen steam engine has been at work at the coal mines of Rhode Island.

genius helped to show to man how with safety, ease and speed to transport himself from the Dartmouth of your forefathers to the municipalities in the New World, to whose founders Old Dartmouth is pleased to be reminded she once showed hospitality and rendered assistance.

Accept the assurance, that we, "one and all," entertain for you and your country most strong feelings of regard, admiration and respect, and trust that the friendship of the two great and glorious nations may never be disturbed.

We beg you in return to cherish those kind and friendly feelings which your late Centennial Celebration appears to have aroused, and to believe that the good ship "Concord" will always find Old Dartmouth in England the same Harbor of Refuge to which in olden time she directed the "Speedwell" and the "Mayflower."

DARTMOUTH, 4th of July, 1865.

HENRY PAUL SEALE, Baronet, Mayor.

ALBERT W. BEETHAM, Recorder.

PERCY HOCKIN, Town Clerk.

SAM. W. PRIDEAUX,

R. F. BURROUGH,

GEO. HINGSTON.

JOHN BULLEY,
THOMAS W. EALES,
DOMINIC STONE,
SAM'L N. ELLIOT,
WM. SMITH,
MARK FOX,

WM. ASHFORD, Jr.,
ROBERTO WAFFIN,
ROBT. M. MORTIMER,
AUGUSTUS NEWMAN, M. D.
RICHARD W. EGG,
ROBERT CRANFORD.